



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Cole et al. § Attorney Docket No. 31181.26
 Serial No.: 10/018,023 § Customer No. 27693
 Filed: December 10, 2001 § Group Art Unit: 3732
 For: Femoral Intramedullary Rod System § Examiner: Pedro Philogene
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Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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[]	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ 180	\$	OR
						TOTAL	\$625	OR
							TOTAL	\$

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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 26, 2005, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination and request consideration of the claims as set forth in the present amendment.

A check for the required filing fees is included herewith and no additional fees are believed to be required at this time. If, however, any additional claim fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these additional fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Haynes and Boone, LLP, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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